

HOLY RESURRECTION ORTHODOX CHURCH

Mary Street, Belle Vernon, PA
(Serving the faithful of Belle Vernon and surrounding areas)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

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Epistle Reading: Acts 9:32-42 **Gospel Reading:** John 5:1-15

Next Week: Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 **Next Week:** John 4:5-42

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday's Liturgy.

Altar Servers: Zach Billie / Paul Mica

Services: Sun., Apr. 25th **Memorial Service** for Servants of God,
Alfred Sabo, Albert Slavic and
Edwin Hamilton, requested by wife
and daughter, Frances Sabo **After Liturgy**

Wed., Apr. 27th **Mid-Pentecost Vesperal**
Divine Liturgy **6:30 pm**
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Monongahela

Sun., May 2nd **Sunday of the Samaritan Woman**
5th Sunday of Pascha
General Confession **9:30 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Announcements: The Guild will be hosting a Penny Social on **Sunday, May 2nd at 3 pm.** Several members of the Guild will be gathering on **Saturday, May 1st at 1 pm** to set up the Social Hall. As the refreshment after the Penny Social, the Guild will be putting together cookie trays. Please lend a hand and **donate a dozen or two of your favorite cookies** to the Guild. Also, the Guild needs some help with the donation of Table Prizes. Would you consider helping out with a donation a clean/new Table Prize? Please bring your donation(s) on **Saturday, May 1st or Sunday, May 2nd**. Thanks in advance for your generosity and help and don't forget to come and join in the fun on the 2nd! Bring a friend!

The Coffee Hour Committee is looking for a few volunteers to help out by taking a coffee hour. Just pencil your name on the coffee hour calendar located on the Social Hall bulletin board. You don't have to volunteer alone, ask a buddy! Coffee Hour is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioner. Come enjoy the fellowship!

If anyone has a request for Paschal Grave Blessings at locations other than Belle Vernon or West Newton, please see Father soon so arrangements can be made.

Father is back from his 42+ mile backpacking adventure! Many beautiful flora, fauna & landscape sights were seen and he has pictures. He'd love to share them with you at Coffee Hour today!

Father Sam would like to do a Bike Trail Picnic & Pedal this spring or early summer (depending how fast we can put it together) at Cedar Creek Park. We could do a covered dish grill out at the Park and then pedal to a point up or down the Yough, and then reassemble back at Cedar Creek for socializing and a final snack. All bikers & picnickers let Father know if interested ASAP so rough plans can be set and a date picked.

THOUGHTS FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

by St. Ambrose

Let us Glory in Temptation

The devil does not have only one weapon. He uses many different means to defeat human beings: now with bribery, now with boredom, now with greed he attacks, inflicting mental and physical wounds equally.

The kind of temptation varies with the different kinds of victim. Avarice is the test of the rich, loss of children that of parents and everyone is exposed to pain of mind or body. What a wealth of weapons is at the devil's disposal!

It was for this reason that the Lord chose to have nothing to lose. He came to us in poverty so that the devil could find nothing to take away from Him. You see the truth of this when you hear the Lord Himself saying: 'The prince of this world is come and has found nothing in Me.' [John 14:30] The devil could only test Him with bodily pain, but this too was useless because Christ despised bodily suffering.

Job was tested by his own goods, whereas Christ was tempted during the experience of the wilderness, by the goods of all. In fact, the devil robbed Job of his riches and offered Christ the kingdom of the whole world. Job was tested by vexations, Christ by prizes. Job the faithful servant replied: 'The Lord has given and the Lord has taken away.' [Job 1:21] Christ, being conscious of His own divine nature, scorned the devil's offering of what already belonged to Him.

So let us not be afraid of temptations. Rather, let us glory in them saying: 'When I am weak, then am I strong.' [2 Cor. 12:10]

The James C. Stump Funeral Home sponsored this week's bulletin.

